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CO-OPERATIVE BODIES HOLD SESSIONS IN EDMONTON

ANNUAL CONGRESS OF CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF CANADA

All 10 Provinces Represented
at Significant Gathering
in Capital City

ENDURING ACHIEVEMENT

Ralph Staples Made Full-time
President — Melvin Breen
National Secretary

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY

WHEN Canadians from every one of the ten Provinces of Canada get together in one room, the gathering is of more than ordinary significance. That statement was particularly true in the case of the Co-operative Union of Canada, when fifty-five out of a possible fifty-eight delegates met in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, on March 10th and 12th.

Significant Statistics

These delegates, according to statistics presented to the Forty-fourth Annual Congress of the Union, represented 822 co-operative business organizations with a membership of 798,843 persons, whose business with these co-operatives totalled \$685,304.510 in the year ending July 31st, 1952.

These figures, which were given in a report to the delegates by Alex H. Turner of the Research Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, do not include the co-operatives of the Province of Quebec, which have their own French-speaking co-operative union, Le Conseil Canadien de la Co-operation, whose fraternal delegates were in attendance during the whole of Congress; nor do they include the statistics of many co-operatives in several of the Provinces which have not as yet joined the Co-operative Union. The total registration of delegates and visitors exceeded one hundred and sixty.

Since its re-organization in 1943 on a Provincial unit basis, the Co-operative Union of Canada has moved the meeting place of Congress around

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Bomb for Cancer Treatment Is Our Gift

LARGE BOOST IN PRODUCTSHANDLED BY APP LAST YEAR

Increase of 1,555,433 Lbs. in
All Classes of Poultry
Marketed

YEAR REVIEWED

Setting Up Marketing Board
to Stabilize Egg Prices Is
Strongly Advocated

EDMONTON, Alta. — An increase of 1,555,433 pounds in all classes of poultry marketed by Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd. — from 2,674,644 in 1951 to 4,230,087 in 1952 — was recorded in reports presented to the Annual Meeting of the Co-operative on March 4th and 5th. Sales of eviscerated and cut-up poultry more than doubled; while eggs marketed for members totalled 6,392,225 — an increase of 1,132,126 as compared with the preceding year.

Successful Gathering

Attended by 35 delegates from all parts of the Province, and visitors and guests who swelled the total to 110 at the Annual Banquet addressed by Hon. D. A. Ure, the meeting proved a most successful one, demonstrating the strength and vigor of the organization.

President K. V. Kapler, in behalf of the Directors, and J. I. Wright, General Manager, in their reports to the delegates, gave a comprehensive survey of the past year's operations, and supplemented their reports by answering very fully all questions asked by delegates.

Market Values — Plus

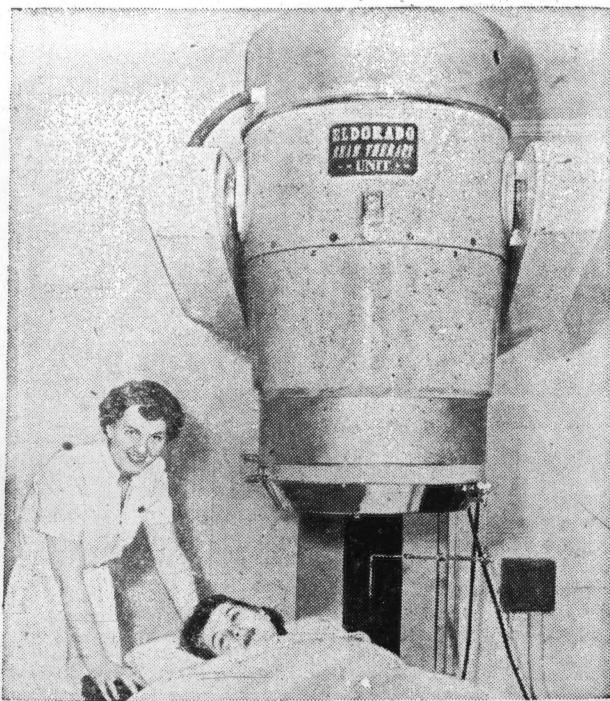
"The Association paid full market values for chicken and fowl, and in addition paid a final payment of one cent per pound," the Board report showed.

"The final payment on turkeys was at the rate of 2 cents per pound on the basis of 1½ cents cash and ½ per cent in Reserve Share Certificates.

"The final payment to our hatchery patrons was slightly higher than the previous year, at the rate of 3½ cents per chick on pullet chicks and 1½ cents per chick on mixed chicks to purchasers of baby chicks and ½ cent per chick hatched to the hatching egg suppliers.

"Due to falling values, greater reduction and limited markets," Mr. Wright pointed out, "keener compe-

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Canada is to send to Britain a kind of bomb that any people would appreciate. Packing the wallop of millions of dollars worth of radium, a Canadian cobalt "bomb" for cancer treatment is to be shipped as a gift. It will be used for the treatment of cancer. Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, President of Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd., states that the \$70,000 therapy unit will be sent overseas during the coming summer. It will be Britain's first cobalt "bomb"; and one of the most modern—a giant steel-and-lead horseshoe-like affair weighing about seven tons, as in picture above.

Championships in Calgary Bull Sale

Thomas G. Hamilton, Innisfail, showed the grand champion Short-horn — Rannoch Climax — at Calgary's largely attended bull show and sale, under the capable management of Maurice Hartnett. Reserve champion was Marquis of Lothian, owned by W. L. McCollister, Midnapore. First prize wiener in this class was Emil Cammaert, Rockyford, with Dalrossie Red Adonis.

The grand champion in the Aberdeen-Angus division was Bardo of Old Hermitage, owned by Old Hermitage Farm, Edmonton; and reserve champion was Lucy's Bardolier of Dalrene 8th, owned by Flint and Flint, New Norway.

The grand champion baby beef was shown by Allen Hughes, High River, and was bought by Burns and Company at \$1.27½ per pound. Grand champion of the show was a Short-horn steer owned by Richard Secord, Winterburn, also bought by Burns and Company, at 75 cents per pound. Jackie Yorgason, Claresholm, sold his reserve grand champion baby beef, an Aberdeen-Angus, for 75 cents a pound.

The average price for 165 Short-horn bulls sold was over \$475, slightly below the 1952 figure; top price

Differences Not Reconciled

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17th—The International Wheat Council meets today, following several postponements last week, but it is believed that the difference of fifteen cents per bushel, now separating the importing and exporting countries, may still remain. It is reported that the United Kingdom delegation received instructions over the weekend to stand firm for a maximum price of \$1.95, and the U.S. and Canada are holding out for a minimum of \$2.10, or an absolute minimum of \$2.

Reject Offer

VANCOUVER, Mar. 17th—The grain handlers union has rejected offer of mediation in strike by Federal conciliator.

was \$3,000 for an imported animal sold by T. G. Hamilton to an American buyer. Top price in the Aberdeen-Angus division was \$1,900, for the reserve grand champion, the Jackie Yorgason, Claresholm, sold his grand champion bringing \$1,550; the average was \$443.00.

The Hereford grand championship went to W. J. Edgar, Innisfail, with Bright A Mixer LRD 38F, and the reserve to Ensign Royal British, owned by E. Thorp, Ensign.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

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Old battered milk cans are one of the weakest links in the

chain between our milk and cream shippers and our plants. We know that cans cost more today than when you bought yours, probably six or seven years ago; but, even so, new cans have not risen as much in proportion to milk in that time. The life of the average milk can is from eight to nine years.

During that time it will transport at least \$4,000 worth of milk or cream. This means that an investment of about a dollar a year will protect products worth at least \$4,000.

How are your cans?

It would be a good idea to replace those old pelters now — cans are going to be hard to get and we hate to think of



what the price might be later on.

A Few Words on Filter Discs

Because of the nature of dairy work most of our practices — desirable and undesirable — are the results of habits built up over a long time. Apparently insignificant but undesirable practices, when they become a matter of habit, grow into major proportions.

Now, in the matter of filter discs, we take care to get the right kind — single face discs (not plain faced) and take good care that the disc is put in the strainer the right way (fluffy side up), but when we strain milk through it we throw it away — it's served its purpose anyway. But has it? We take a sediment test of your milk regularly throughout the year, using a filter disc, which although of a different design performs the same function; but our purpose is to find out if you are efficient in your filtering operation.

Your Sediment Test

Your own filter disc should be your sediment test. When you have used your filter disc, don't throw it away — hang it on the barn door; and when it is dry you will be able to tell what kind of a job you did in wiping off udders and flanks and the under chassis of your cow before milking.

A FILTER DISC SHOULD NOT BE USED TO REMOVE DIRT and make a product acceptable for market. A filter disc always should be used to

obstruct a stream of milk taken from a healthy cow (as it is clean) and poured into a clean container to go to the plant. When, after using, the disc shows clean, it is a source of pride for good work done.

The dairyman should be the strongest supporter of sane and sensible quality programs designed to improve the overall quality of milk and thereby provide greater markets for the products we have to sell.

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INCOME TAX

Important Notice to Central Alberta Dairy Pool Members

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

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Election of Delegates

YOU and your neighbors who are members of the C. A. D. Pool own and operate 20 creameries and milk plants, a cheese factory, and the well known Alpha Milk Condensery. It is your duty and privilege to elect a delegate to represent you at the Annual Meeting to be held in June.

Lethbridge Members Vote First Time

For the first time, our new members in the Lethbridge area have the privilege of electing three delegates to give them representation at the Annual Meeting, and at the Annual Meeting a Director will be elected to represent members in the Lethbridge - Brooks area.

Districts Described

Delegates to be elected this year for a two-year period will be from the following districts:

District 2: Ponoka, Meeting Creek, New Norway, Menaik, Ferintosh, Edberg, Hobbema, Duhamel, Kelsey, Rosalind, Daysland, Ohaton.

District 4: Leslieville, Bingley, Hillsdown, Rocky Mountain House, Ricinus, Alhambra, Carlos, Dovercourt, Condor, Oras, Chedderville, Butte, Stauffer, Red Deer, Evergreen, Everts, Sylvan Lake, Benalto, R a v e n - Eckville, Hespere, Withrow and Strachan.

District 6: Stettler, Alliance, Leo, Warden, Halkirk, Byemoor, Castor, Hackett, Endiang, Dowling, Scapa, Botha, Gadsby, Big Valley, Fenn, Scollard, Rumsey, Rowley, Morrin and Munson.

District 8: Bowden, Harmatian, Torrington, Netook, Westward Ho, Allingham, Olds, Mound, Didsbury, Eagle Hill, Elkton, Sundre, Carstairs, Bergen, Westcott, Innisfail, Knee Hill Valley, Caroline, Dickson,

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TAKES CARE OF BOOKINGS

MONTREAL, Que.—Purchase of the French liner *De Grasse* by the Canadian Pacific Railway has been made, and will enable the company to take care of passengers booked for sailings this season on the *Empress of Canada*, recently destroyed by fire, it is announced by H. B. Beaumont, Steamship Passenger Traffic Manager. Mr. Beaumont expressed satisfaction that service to passengers who might otherwise have faced disappointment has been made possible. The *De Grasse* has been completely reconditioned and has an excellent reputation. She will provide accommodation for passengers who were booked for the *Empress of Canada* with her first scheduled voyage from Liverpool, April 28th. With regard to earlier sailings of the ill-fated *Empress of Canada* from Liverpool, he is sanguine that bookings can be transferred.

Third Call for Passbooks

Series R (1946) is now being paid in cash and your 1952 earnings are waiting to be entered in your book when we receive it.

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if you've not already done so.

Central Alberta Dairy Pool

A Great Convention in Retrospect

Dear Members:

Our C.F.A. Convention for 1953 is a thing of the past. Its major decisions have been described in many features in *The Western Farm Leader*, and our Executive have presented their requests to the Cabinet at Ottawa, based on the Convention's recommendations; but I think the few personal impressions which I formed on my visit to this great gathering, and which I promised to give in this section, will be of interest to our members. I will jot down a few of them in brief, diary form.

My First Boat Trip

On Sunday, Jan. 25th, we left Vancouver aboard the Princess Marguerite. The voyage (my first boat trip) takes 4 hours 15 minutes, and will long be remembered as a wonderful occasion.

Monday the sessions lasted all day, in consideration of resolutions from Eastern and Western Conferences.

Tuesday, the Hog and Poultry Committees met simultaneously. I attended the first, where there were in attendance 56 persons—from B.C. 2,

Alberta 14, Saskatchewan 4, Manitoba 8, Ontario 18, Maritimes 6.

The Poultry Committee was well represented from all Provinces. In open sessions the work of the committees was later reviewed.

Hon. Mr. Gardiner was in top form when he addressed the Convention, as you will have learned. He stated that apples, eggs and butter were three products whose support prices might be considered too low.

There was a packed hall to hear Dr. Hannam give his Presidential address, and the following day Dr. Hope's address proved most interesting and informative. Then, during the rest of Wednesday morning, we considered resolutions; while at noon close to 300 persons were guests of the B.C. Federation and B.C. Provincial Government at a banquet when Dr. Keenleyside of New York delivered the wonderful address which was referred to editorially in this paper.

Reason to Feel Proud

Some warmly debated resolutions took up the afternoon, on feed grains policy. If you could have heard the Western grain men speaking in defense of our grain marketing policy and also offering help to the Eastern feeders to form a plan to help them.

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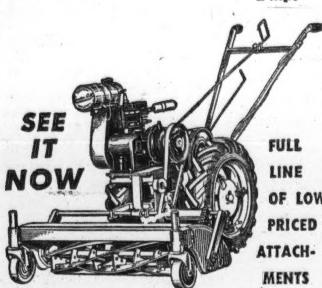
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WINTER OF CONVENTIONS

Since the early fall months, and on through the winter, scarcely a week has passed, except during the Christmas and New Year holiday seasons, when one of the various farmers' organizations — Albertan or Dominion-wide in scope — has not been in annual session, reviewing the progress made in the service of the farm people who constitute its membership. In some cases two such meetings have been crowded into a single week.

At each of these meetings policies have been formulated — many involving Provincial or Federal legislation. The season has been one of exceptional activity. The gains for the farm community have been in many cases of great importance and value.

It has been the ambition of **The Western Farm Leader** to give extensive coverage, within the limits of space available, to the work of these important gatherings. In reports and features in every issue, a picture of what the farmers are doing for themselves through the representatives they themselves have chosen, for the betterment of Agriculture, has been given. This issue is no exception, and there are further gatherings of major importance to be dealt with in our next.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture and its member units, including the co-operatives and general membership organization — the Farmers' Union of Alberta; and the Canadian Federation and the Dairy Farmers of Canada — all these have been successively dealt with, while the activities of the organizations throughout the year, in between conventions, are also dealt with as far as possible.

From several organizations — Provincial and Dominion — we have received evidence that the service we have tried to give the movement has been appreciated.

While endeavoring to provide this service, we seek to maintain variety — but limits have been placed upon the publication of such delightful general features as those of Col. Hughes and Kerry Wood (in our last issue), and other features which we should wish to publish.

We should value the judgment of our readers upon the policy which has been followed throughout the winter, as a guide for the future.

HONOR WELL EARNED

Readers of this paper will have noted with especial pleasure the announcement that Alexander Calhoun will be one of the three Albertans upon whom the University of Alberta will confer the degree of Doctor of Laws at the spring convocation. Mr. Calhoun is well known to them as contributor of reviews of books which have always been valued features of our Christmas numbers, as well as a writer in our pages upon other subjects. His participation for several years in the broadcasts of the Round Table is also remembered.

It is not quite so well known, perhaps, that — as one of his colleagues in the Alberta Library Association informs us — it was through Mr. Calhoun's inspiration and initia-

Be not too eager, venerable tree,

To don the gay habiliments of spring,
Lest you imperil loveliness to be.

For, though the crocus blooms and robins sing
In this green rock-rimmed valley, winter still

Has not fulfilled its term, and your veils
Of blossom hung too early might fare ill
If frost their sweet fragility assails.

In summer, drowsing idly in the shade
Of your great arms hospitably spread,
The promise of the autumn is displayed
In rich abundance ripening overhead.
This year that may not be, for early spring
To you, old tree, misfortune well may bring.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Vancouver, B.C.

tive that, in the period between the two wars, this Association was organized for the purpose of promoting the establishment and maintenance of regional libraries to make books more readily available to the people of the rural and smaller urban areas. Mr. Calhoun was several times president; after the war he was appointed consultant on library affairs of the post-war reconstruction committee of the Alberta Government. As a result largely no doubt of his efforts and those of the Association, legislation was enacted in 1948 which, if implemented, could bring the advantages of regional libraries to many communities. Unfortunately, little has yet been done to implement it, though that is not the fault of the Association.

Space does not permit of a discussion of Mr. Calhoun's record and achievement in several fields in Alberta and beyond. He was considered one of Canada's outstanding librarians. He is, as Dr. E. A. Corbett once described him, not using the words lightly, "a good Canadian".

In the best British tradition of intellectual freedom and tolerance, and in the spirit of the injunction, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good", Mr. Calhoun has never failed (when the challenge to men of goodwill has required it) to combat courageously obscurantism and "the spirit that denies", which in the United States manifests itself as "McCarthyism", and is not entirely unknown in Canada.

Mr. Calhoun was the first librarian of the Calgary Public Library. He retired in 1945 after 35 years' service. In "Letters From America", Rupert Brooke, after an extended visit to Canada in 1913, paid tribute to the high standard which had already been attained by the Calgary library approximately two years after its establishment. Writing of signs which he saw on the prairies of growth of "the sense of the community", the English poet went on:

"Take a very good test, the public libraries. As you traverse Canada from east to west they steadily improve. You begin in the city of Montreal, which is unable to support one, and pass through the dingy rooms and inadequate intellectual provision of Toronto and Winnipeg. After that the libraries and reading-rooms, small for the smaller cities, are cleaner and better kept, show signs of care and intelligence; until at last, in Calgary, you find a very neat and carefully kept building, stocked with an immense variety of periodicals, and an admirably chosen store of books, ranging from the classics to the most utterly modern literature. Few large English towns could show anything as good. Cross the Rockies to Vancouver, and you're back among dirty walls, grubby furniture, and inadequate literature again. There's nothing in Canada to compare with the magnificent libraries little New Zealand can show. But Calgary is hopeful."

A degree conferred upon a man of Mr. Calhoun's genuine distinction brings honor not only to the recipient, but to the University which confers it.

Re-Elected President



K. V. KAPLER

A.P.P. ANNUAL MEETING
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tition was experienced in selling, which resulted in lower operating margins. Throughout this period we have endeavored to keep operating costs at a minimum and to explore all sales outlets.

"It is gratifying to note that the Association weathered this difficult period without weakening our financial position."

Difficult Operating Year

"The year 1952," the Board pointed out, "has been one of the most difficult operating years your Association has experienced, as it was necessary to absorb considerable losses owing to falling inventory values. Despite these losses, your Association was able to maintain a sound financial position although unable to issue a final payment to our egg shippers. It should be noted, however, that effective April 1st, 1952, our initial payments for eggs were based on actual market values instead of one cent less than actual market values as had been our previous policy.

Marketing Boards and Support Prices

"During the year, your Board has consistently advocated the setting up of Provincial producer egg-marketing Boards, as a means of stabilizing egg prices. We have also petitioned the Federal Government through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture for an increase in the support price for eggs. We also supported the request of the Federation of Agriculture for support prices on poultry meats."

Gratifyingly substantial increases in both egg and poultry receipts during the year were noted—egg receipts being up 21 per cent, and poultry receipts up 70 per cent, mainly due to the heavy increase in turkey production. Chick sales were down approximately 4 per cent, largely "due to price-cutting on the part of some of our competitors during the latter part of the hatchery season."

Final Payments \$97,038 For Year

Final payments made during the year totalled \$97,038.61, of which \$47,519.16 was in cash (all for poultry) and \$47,519.42 in Reserve Share Certificates. The total final payments (cash and certificates) for poultry were \$70,669.59, and those for hatchery (all certificates) \$26,369.02.

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Directors of Alberta Poultry Producers, '53

Directors of Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., for 1953 are as follows, K. V. Kapler, Strome; L. Normandeau, Winterburn; A. J. Rix, Wetaskiwin; J. H. Rhodes, Brant; S. Roppel, Rockyford. The two Directors whose terms of office had expired (Messrs. Kapler and Roppel) were re-elected. The Board re-appointed Mr. Kapler President and J. H. Rhodes, Vice-President.

Inability to make a final payment on eggs (the first such occasion in the history of the Association) was due to the losses sustained when egg values dropped and to the fact that full market values were paid at the time of delivery effective April 1st, 1952, as compared with 1 cent less than market values prior to that date.

Redemption of Certificates

Redemption of the balance of the D Series of Reserve Share Certificates in connection with poultry and egg operations was authorized during the year, the amount being \$40,000, and D Series of Hatchery Reserve Share Certificates amounting to \$21,000, were also authorized, bringing the total to \$61,000. The grand total of these certificates redeemed to date is \$184,610.47.

Capital expenditures of approximately \$150,000 were authorized during 1952, mostly in the purchase of assets of the Smith Produce Company, consisting of "the main produce plant in South Edmonton and branch premises at Stony Plain, Barhead and Derwent; also equipment in rented premises at Viking, Beaumont and Bonnyville and sundry equipment including four trucks." The purchased plant provided badly needed storage space, an up-to-date eviscerating plant operated under the Health of Animals Branch, and made the original South Edmonton premises available as a hatchery and brooding plant."

Main Building Alterations

Major alterations to the main building in Edmonton and branch premises at Leduc, Vegreville and South Edmonton, and purchase of a lot in Medicine Hat and branch premises at Strome accounted for other capital expenditures.

The Board expressed appreciation of the advice and assistance received from J. E. Oberholzer, who continued to act as chairman of Alberta Poultry Marketers, Limited. Confidence in the management and staff was reaffirmed and appreciation was expressed of the support of delegates and members.

Rail Grading of Turkeys Preferred

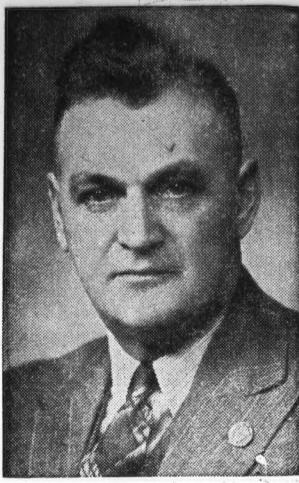
In the course of a detailed account of the year's operations, the General Manager reported that "there was a noticeable preference displayed by members during 1952 for the rail grade method of marketing turkeys.

"Our main killing plants in Edmonton and Calgary," he stated, "operated steadily during November and December in order to keep up with the demand for this service. In Edmonton an average of 1,000 turkeys per day were rail graded, and during December all chicken and fowl for rail grade in Edmonton were transferred to the modern killing plant in the building purchased from the Smith Produce Company."

With reference to dissatisfaction expressed by some members with respect to grades received, Mr. Wright said that a visit to the Association's killing plants during the killing season, when they would see their birds after the feathers have been removed, would enable them to understand the situation.

"The reason most chickens have to

General Manager APP



J. I. WRIGHT

be degraded," said the Manager, "is due to lack of sufficient fat or flesh. A few weeks' confinement to fattening pens and a proper fattening mash would pay big dividends."

New Hampshires Now Most Popular

While in previous years the White Leghorn breed has been the best seller, during 1952 the New Hampshires headed the list for popularity, followed in their order of popularity by Leghorns, Light Sussex, Crossbreeds, White Rocks and Barred Rocks.

Opening of a hatchery in the Association's former egg grading station on Whyte Avenue in South Edmonton was referred to by the manager.

Alberta raised \$207,500 for the TB Christmas Seal fund, officials of the Alberta Tuberculosis Association announced last week. This sum was second only to Ontario's total.

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Recent Developments in Marketing Legislation

By R. H. MILLIKEN, Q.C.

THE provisions of the British North America Act, which sets forth the Constitution of Canada and the Provinces, gives the Provinces authority over local transactions, while all transactions other than local are under the jurisdiction of the Dominion.

Privy Council Decision

The Privy Council, which until recently was the final Court of Appeal for Canadian court decisions, has held that transactions which commence and end within a Province are purely local and, therefore, within the legislative jurisdiction of a Provincial Legislature; but any transaction which commences in a Province and is completed in another Province, or in another country, is not local and is,

therefore, within the legislative jurisdiction of the Dominion only.

A Simple Example

For example, I live in Regina. If I buy eggs from a farmer in Saskatchewan, the Provincial Legislature is the only legislative authority which can interfere with that transaction unless it might be justified as a matter of public health. But, I order a crate of eggs from a farmer in Alberta to be shipped to Regina. In that case, only the Dominion has legislative authority to interfere with that transaction. But after I get the crate of eggs in Regina, if instead of eating them I wish to sell them to another resident of Regina, the legislature of Saskatchewan has exclusive jurisdiction to interfere with that transaction. But should I wish to reship them from Saskatchewan to another Province, the Dominion again becomes the legislative authority.

You can readily see from this illustration that any effective control over the marketing of any product which may be imposed by legislation must be supported by joint or concurrent legislation upon the part of both the Provinces and the Dominion.

B.C. Producers Saw Possibilities

Many of you will recall the Privy Council decision in the case of The Natural Products Marketing Act, Dominion, 1934, where it held the Act unconstitutional because it interfered with local transactions. Prior to that time, numerous attempts had been made unsuccessfully in British Columbia to enact a provincial Act which would control the marketing of farm products. It was natural, therefore, that the producers of British Columbia were the first to see the possibilities of the Privy Council decision in the case of the Dominion Marketing Act and almost immediately thereafter the British Columbia Legislature enacted a Natural Products Marketing Act modelled along the lines of the ultra vires Dominion Act, but restricted in its application to local transaction only.

This Act the Privy Council declared intra vires of the legislature of the Province.

Other Provinces Followed Suit

In a short space of time, all of the then Provinces of the Dominion excepting Quebec, enacted Provincial marketing acts which, in the case of all Provinces except Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, were copies from the British Columbia Act. New Brunswick has since amended its Act so as to be entitled to be now included in this group.

While Alberta has amended its Act to such an extent it is somewhat difficult to say just what authority can be given to a marketing board in that Province.

Ontario and Nova Scotia have somewhat similar Acts, although with considerably less authority to delegate control to marketing boards than in the case of the other Provinces.

For example, a marketing board in Ontario can not be given authority to set up an exclusive agency. This is granted only to the Provincial board by regulation of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. Only recently Nova Scotia, by an amendment, has

While British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have passed legislation which makes possible the setting up of marketing boards for farm products with wide powers such as the Alberta Federation of Agriculture has long sought for this Province, Alberta still lags behind.

This article, originally presented as an address to the C.F.A. Annual Convention in Victoria, is by a widely known legal authority on marketing legislation, and will be found of great interest to Alberta producers. Mr. Milliken has been counsel for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool since the early days of that organization, and has played an important role in the development of other co-operatives.

The Alberta Poultry Producers, at their Annual Meeting this month, again asked their Board to work towards the setting up of a Provincial Egg Marketing Board for Alberta, as a means of stabilizing egg prices. Workable Provincial legislation is needed to this end.

overcome this difficulty in its Act. Sweeping Authority in Five Provinces

Nevertheless, the sweeping authority which may be given to commodity boards by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council of the Provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are not to be found in the Acts of Ontario or Nova Scotia, to say nothing of the restricted Act of Alberta. Quebec, on the other hand, has never attempted to enact a general marketing Act. It has preferred to deal with the problem of each commodity as it has been presented by some appropriate co-operative effort.

I regret to say I have not been able to say what is the position in Newfoundland as it is difficult in Western Canada to find a complete set of Newfoundland statutes.

Provisions of Bill 82

In 1949, by the familiar Bill 82, the Dominion enacted a very short Act which provides whatever powers have been granted by a Province to a commodity board over local sales; that is, over transactions which commence and end within the Province; the Governor-General-in-Council may grant like powers to the same Provincial board over transactions in that commodity in the interprovincial and export field.

The Dominion Act does not provide for setting up of any boards; it merely confers upon the Governor-General-in-Council authority to delegate powers to Provincial boards. But, it does mean that a Provincial board is given complete control to regulate the marketing of that same commodity when shipped outside the Province.

Jurisdiction Is Vindicated

Of course, the question immediately arose, had the Dominion jurisdiction to enact Bill 82? The recent decision (Continued on next Column)

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A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Federation Moves Calgary Office — For the past couple of years the Federation has maintained two offices, one in Calgary and the second in Edmonton.

At the December annual meeting, the question of consolidating the offices was considered and the delegates referred decision to the Board of Directors. The Directors decided that Edmonton should be the seat of office, thus the Calgary office is being closed and moved to Edmonton.

The address is 110 Clarke Building, 10160 - 102nd Street, Edmonton, so all correspondence from this date should be mailed to the above address.

The basic reasons for the move are to effect economy and to co-ordinate more closely the work of the Federation. Your Secretary will miss the many valuable contacts made through the Calgary office,

of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing case has fully and completely vindicated that jurisdiction.

Unfortunately, while the Supreme Court has declared Bill 82 to be within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, at the same time, has left in considerable doubt the method whereby a marketing board may raise the necessary funds to pay its costs of operation.

When the British Columbia Act was taken to the Privy Council, the Privy Council held that a license fee could be imposed, or a service charge might be levied and either would be within the powers of a Provincial Legislature, although the British Columbia Act made no reference to service charges, merely licensee fees. In this regard, the Prince Edward Island Act copied the British Columbia Act, but unfortunately, the potato board imposed both a license fee on the dealers and a service charge, so that they

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Submission to Cabinet — The Canadian Federation of Agriculture Executive on March 5th met the Prime Minister and his Cabinet. This was the Canadian Federation of Agriculture annual meeting with the Cabinet, and was for presenting the co-ordinated opinions of farm organizations across Canada on questions of national importance to farm people.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture's brief to the Cabinet deals with questions of policy on the national level. Many questions, while of national importance, do not refer to policy and are thus dealt with on the departmental level.

The submission to the Cabinet is a lengthy document and covers many fields of interest. It will be available in printed form shortly. Anyone interested can secure a copy by writing the Federation office. It is based on decisions of the organization which have been reported in this paper.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture Executive Meeting

The Executive members of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture met in Ottawa on March 4th, and again on March 5th, prior to and following the submission to the Cabinet. Mr. Roy C. Marler, Alberta Federation of Agriculture's President, and other Canadian Federation of Agriculture executive members attended these meetings.

The meeting dealt with many items arising from the Annual Meeting held in Victoria during the last week in January. Plans were also laid for the summer Board meeting to be held at the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, on July 29th and 30th. It was also announced that the 1954 Annual Meeting would be held in Hotel London, London, Ontario, during the week of January 25th next.

had made it quite clear their service charge could not be considered as a license.

Omitted Power to License

Unfortunately, also, the greater part of the potatoes of Prince Edward Island are shipped out of the Province, and the Dominion, in extending the powers of the Board, failed to include the power to license so that it was not difficult for the Court to look at the matter as an indirect tax on a commodity which was being exported, rather than to regard it as a service charge.

They went further, however, and implied at least that even if it was a license fee, if they could consider the license fee an indirect tax, it could not be imposed. This leaves the position in some doubt as to how a marketing board set up under a Provincial act and handling a commodity which is largely exported can secure its costs of operation.

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WORLD CHRONICLE

Mar. 5th — Joseph Stalin dies, after short illness, at age of 73; flag at United Nations lowered to half-mast; Canada, Britain, U.S., among countries sending formal condolences to Moscow. Van Fleet tells U.S. Senate committee that ammunition was in short supply during his command in Korea. Archbishop of York bespeaks welcome for Tito whose visit to England is scheduled for March 23rd.

Mar. 6th — George Malenkov succeeds Stalin as head of Russia; Molotov becomes foreign minister, Vishinsky named permanent representative to UN. Beria minister of interior. Religious rioting reported in India and Pakistan.

Mar. 7th — Ottawa reports Canadian foreign trade in 1952 rose to record level of \$8,048 millions. Tear gas and gunfire used to stamp out riot in Korean prison camp on Yonchon Island; 23 prisoners killed. South Australia re-elects Liberal Government, with reduced majority; other five states have Labor governments. Eden and

Butler conclude talks in Washington; pressed for "trade not aid."

Mar. 8th — French minister in Australia; seeks aid for anti-Communist war in Indo-China, is report.

Mar. 9th — Canadian railways get second freight increase (another 7 per cent) in three months. Canada and Britain have made repeated efforts, without success, to get U.S. to lift "iron curtain" on atomic development, states C. J. Mackenzie, Canadian atomic chief. In oration at Stalin's funeral, Malenkov calls for strengthening of Soviet armed forces and developing of prosperity of Russian people; says U.S.S.R.'s aims are peaceful. Malay authorities commute death sentence of Chinese girl convicted under anti-terrorist laws; Hungarian government recently offered to exchange British business man held for espionage in Hungary for her.

Mar. 10 — Paris despatch says fifty new air bases to be built across Europe this year, under NATO. Egypt will demand "complete and unconditional" removal of British troops, declares Naguib, American plane shot down by Czechs at 12,000 feet; pilot bails out, comes down 15 miles from frontier. Maritimes and Western Provinces protest latest freight increase.

Mar. 11th — Italian court rules against Anglo-Iranian Oil company in question of ownership of oil carried by Italian tanker; case will be carried to higher court. Canada gives British cobalt "bomb" for cancer treatment.

Mar. 12th — R.A.F. bomber attacked near frontier of Russian and British zones in Germany; six airmen killed; London protests to Russia, demands punishment of fliers responsible. NATO's spending in Western Europe will total over \$63 billions in year ending in June, states Paris report.

Mar. 13th — Howe says Ottawa won't permit export of natural gas from the West until needs of Canada are fully met. Russia vetoes election of L. B. Pearson as UN Secretary-General; had received nine of eleven votes of Security Council. Anglo-Egyptian talks, on removal of British troops from Suez, begin in Cairo.

Children from All Parts of Province Cared For



Enjoying the daily warm bath—part of the treatment for polio cases—are these five little girls, among the 317 children cared for last year at the Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital in Calgary. Children from all parts of the Province, whose parents cannot afford the prolonged medical treatment that orthopedic cases demand, are admitted. The Alberta Red Cross is asking for \$459,900 in the current campaign, of which \$123,965 has been budgeted to the hospital.

Segregate Deteriorated Grain, Board Advises

WINNIPEG—Take a total loss on any damaged portion of your grain rather than run the risk of grade losses on all the grain in the pile, is the advice of the Board of Grain Commissioners to farmers who have threshed grain piled in the open.

In moving grain, states the Board, great care should be taken to segregate any portions that show signs of deterioration, especially heating. The presence of heated kernels in a sample is a very serious degrading factor, and a very small percentage of such kernels could result in the degrading of a whole carlot, with, of course, severe loss to the producer.

Mar. 14th — Prague radio announces death of President Gottwald. Japanese diet carries vote of non-confidence in pro-American Yoshida government; election called.

Mar. 15th — There is no international problem that cannot be settled by peaceful means, declares Malenkov to Russian Supreme Soviet, after acceptance as prime minister.

Mar. 16th — Arriving in London, Tito met by Duke of Edinburgh, Churchill and Eden; purchase of planes and tanks among subjects to be discussed, reported. Britain bans shipment strategic goods to Communist China. U.S. increases air strength in West Germany. St. Laurent says election to be held "within next few months."

Mar. 17th — Tito is guest of Queen at lunch. British Government decides against exchange of prisoners suggested recently by Hungary.

Mar. 18th — Korean prison camp riot, involving 2,000, quelled without bloodshed.

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re-elects Liberal Government, with reduced majority; other five states have Labor governments. Eden and



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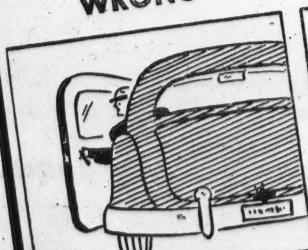
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Frey Heads Alberta Co-operative Union for Further Term

Congress Delegates Attend in Large Numbers When Alberta Union Meets

The happy circumstance that the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Co-operative Union of Canada was held on the evening of Tuesday, March 10th, just prior to the opening day of the Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada resulted in the attendance of very large numbers of delegates who were assembling in Edmonton for the national gathering, many of them leaders of major fields of co-operative activity throughout the Dominion. The visitors showed great interest in the activities and progress of the Alberta Union.

With President Jake Frey in the chair, the work of the past year was passed in review, and plans made for the development of its activities in 1953. The report of the Secretary, Norman F. Priestley, will be outlined in the next issue of *The Western Farm Leader*.

Officers Elected

Re-elected as Directors for the coming year for two-year terms were J. R. Love and C. C. Gant of Edmonton and D. C. Thornton of Calgary. Continuing Directors are J. Frey of Arneson, and W. J. Harper of Edmonton. Mr. Frey was re-elected President and Mr. Harper was elected Vice-President.

It is hoped that the producer co-operatives will complete the Board by nominating three persons to represent that section.

CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS

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Canada. It has been the writer's privilege to attend at Ottawa, Regina, London, Saskatoon and Winnipeg. In all of those cities the accommodations have been good.

It is safe to say, however, that in none of them have the facilities been superior to those provided by the Macdonald Hotel last week. Several of the fifteen floors of the new section are as yet unfinished; and the ground floor connections between the old and new are through a maze of plywood corridors, with workmen busy on every side during the day; but the services, including the new autronic elevator service, were excellent. Several social functions, as well as the arrangements for Congress



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Tribute to Late A. B. MacDonald

All those delegates and visitors who knew our late National Secretary, A. B. MacDonald, must have shared the strange feeling that he was listening to the reports, addresses and debates. An exceedingly fine and smiling portrait of him stood between two flags behind the chairman for all three days. When our Vice-President, J. T. Macdonald, was called upon by our President A. W. Friesen, he very feelingly and in words that were beautifully fitting for the occasion paid tribute to A. B.'s work and person and expressed profound regret at his early passing. It was clear to all of us that a co-operator of exceptionally high quality had been removed from our midst; and that truly "his works do follow him."

Joint Hosts at Luncheon

There were about 125 guests at our Tuesday luncheon, when our joint hosts were the Alberta Wheat Pool and the United Grain Growers. Dr. Andrew Stewart, President of the University of Alberta, gave a short address, stressing the need for the total education of the child of today, through recognition of responsibility by parents, educators, church and state.

In the absence of Gordon Harrold of Lacombe, Wheat Pool Director, at a meeting of the Wheat pool Board at Vancouver, the pool was represented by Edward Ness, S. S. Seals of Nanton, Executive member of the Board of United Grain Growers, Limited, represented that organization.

Entertained by Government

Congress was entertained by the Government of Alberta on Wednesday evening at a banquet for delegates and registered visitors and their wives and friends and many local co-operators amounting to more than two hundred guests.

Unfortunately a clash of dates through an oversight prevented the attendance of premier E. C. Manning. J. R. Love of Edmonton, who presided, had been asked to convey the greetings of the Government on his behalf.

Dr. H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, voiced his pleasure at the understanding and friendliness between the two national bodies. Without the

support of the co-operatives it was very doubtful if the Federation could have attained the strength it now has.

The limits of space do not permit recording here those sections of Dr. Hannam's address which dealt with the important problem of feeding the world's hungry millions. In his view the trade policies of the Western World today are wholly inadequate, in view of the responsibility which Western powers have necessarily assumed for the survival of freedom.

Another of the social functions was an afternoon tea given to the women delegates by the ladies of the Edmonton and District Womens' Co-operative Guild. About thirty of them enjoyed the occasion.

The final social affair was the luncheon on Thursday at which S. MacFarlane of Toronto, President of the Co-operative Medical Services Federation of Ontario, gave an outline of the work being done in that Province to reduce the heavy cost of medical attention by co-operative action. J. T. MacDonald of Sidney,

Canadian Seed Growers to Meet in June

Annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association will be held at Clear Lake, Manitoba, in Riding National Park, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 17th, 18th and 19th, it is announced by W. L. Shannon of Ottawa, in a letter to *The Western Farm Leader*.

Nova Scotia, retiring Vice-President was in the chair.

Milestones of Enduring Achievement

Perhaps, when the Forty-fourth Annual Congress has receded into the past, it will be seen that some of the reports were milestones of enduring achievement.

R. H. Milliken of Regina, President of Co-op Fire and Casualty Company, which commenced operations only a few months ago, reviewed the progress of that new co-operative and of Co-op Life Insurance Co., now established for some five years. It is a

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Those of you who read my letters know that we have spent only a few winters here and they have not, to express it quite mildly, measured up to what loyal Comoxers are given to assuring the world is their "usual" winter weather; snow and cold figured much too prominently. This year to make atonement, it seems almost to have outdone itself in its kindness. The result is that the early flowers, the primroses, the violets, the snowdrops are giving their touch of color to the gardens. Of course from time to time, someone says "Remember March is not over yet." But we shall see, what we shall see.

While it may not seem so evident in the gardens or on the prairies as here that Spring is near, the thought of it is no doubt coloring the plans of women in the house and the men at their work outside. From the kindly years that have prevailed in so many parts, surely some dreams will be fulfilled; something to add to the beauty and comfort or ease of the house, and something to add to the efficiency in outside work.

Old-Timers Will Make Comparisons

Of one thing I am quite sure, and that is that the old-timers on the farms will be thinking of the difference preparation for Spring work means now and in the old days be-

fore we became so highly mechanized. There may be some additional tasks, as new opportunities often make for new responsibilities, but the total has surely meant for a much greater ability of accomplishment, bigger dreams for the future. Good wishes to you all for the new season before you!

Country Life Changes

And while the actual farm work goes on in the country with so many changes noted, other forms of country life have changed as well. Possibly, in many parts, the greatest change is in the schools. One thing no doubt remains much the same, and that is the great interest some of the farmers and their wives and families take in the schools and in their development and the almost utter indifference shown by others. I wonder how much the whole educational system owes to the country people who have taken on the concept of a farm home, a farm community with its school and all its other activities?

I know Mr. George Fitton of Brandon will not mind me quoting part of a paragraph from the address he gave at the Canadian School Trustees Association convention:

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Entirely New Situation

And I shall finish my letter by quoting from another paragraph: "Canada, with its fourteen million people, cannot for long hold her great riches from the teeming millions of underfed and starving people in other parts of the world. No man and no nation can live to itself alone. The whole world presents an entirely new situation to that of a generation ago. Changing world conditions require a change in our thinking and attitudes.

"We must find a happier relationship between man and man. Our own security cannot endure unless we continue to use our great resources to produce and share rather than to produce and have.

"Selfishness means isolation, which is decimal, nationally, materially and culturally. Competition is healthy if directed for service rather than self. Initiative and enterprise must be encouraged with excellence and service rather than self-aggrandizement being the goal. The basis of our civilization must be the Golden Rule, the Sermon on the Mount. Co-operation and good will must be in our thinking and planning."

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Inland F.W.U.A. found the March bulletin fascinating writes Mrs. N. Zakordorski. Applicants have been chosen for the Leadership Course at Olds.

The home decorating course sponsored by Ghost Pine Creek was greatly enjoyed, reports Mrs. Sommerville, secretary, who writes that "two of our members are writing to foreign countries for the A.C.W.W. for all the Local."

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In carrying on co-operative activities in all parts of Canada, women play important roles. Four of the leaders who helped to shape the policies adopted by the Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada in Edmonton last week are shown above (left to right): Mrs. T. W. Barmby, President, Saskatchewan Women's Guild and Director of the Co-operative Union of

Saskatchewan, Regina, Sask.; Mrs. H. A. Woodward, Secretary, Manitoba Women's Co-operative Guild Council and Delegate, Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. J. R. Love, President, Edmonton Co-operative Women's Guild and Delegate, Edmonton, Alta.; Miss Mary MacMillan, representative from CARE, New York, U.S.A. CARE of course, is sponsored by Co-operatives on this continent.

News of Women's Locals

Clairston F.W.U.A. are helping to buy a projector for the local school.

Hope Valley F.W.U.A. recently arranged a home cooking sale at the Co-op store in Edgerton.

Burnt Lake F.W.U.A. have planned a card party to be held at the school tonight (March 20th).

Mrs. Steve Makohough and Mrs. Emil Fundytus were elected officers of the new Pathfinder F.W.U.A.

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Members of Evergreen F.W.U.A. are much interested in the insurance plan for farmers, reports Mrs. Hrdlicka, secretary.

An interesting talk on "Suggestions for Bazaars" by District Home Economist Miss Seldon, was heard by Fairview F.W.U.A. recently.

Organization of a St. John's Ambulance First-Aid Course is the current project of Durness F.W.U.A. (Streamstown) writes secretary Mrs. H. Cundliffe.

Interesting talks by Jack Anderson, District Agriculturist, with films, and by Dr. Browne, of the Medicine Hat Health Unit, were heard by Clearwater F.W.U.A. when they met jointly with the F.U.A. recently.

At a well attended meeting Hairy Hills F.W.U.A. voted \$25 to the F.U.A. Building Fund and \$10 to the Two Hills hospital. Mrs. Nick Ewenuk, secretary, states that the bazaar and bingo held in February netted \$170.

Mrs. H. B. MacLeod gave a very interesting talk on women's legal rights after marriage, to a recent meeting of West High River F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. A. E. Laycraft. This Local has planned a social evening for Easter Monday.

Their postponed Pot Luck Supper will be held by Delia F.W.U.A. following their regular meeting on March 26th. At the previous meeting, Mrs. Greer presented a report (Continued on Page 13)

MARKETING BOARDS (Continued from Page 7)

Matter of Interprovincial Board

There is one other point involved in the Supreme Court decision which has led to considerable misunderstanding, and that is with reference to setting up an interprovincial or Dominion board, or body to act for the local boards of the various Provinces. In the case of the Prince Edward Island potato scheme, provision was made for setting up a small group of representatives representing marketing boards of the Provinces of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and the scheme provided for delegating to that representative

body powers of the Provincial boards.

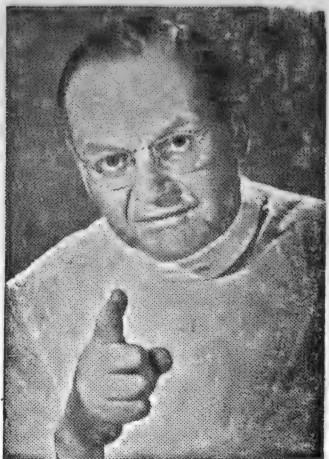
As there is no provision in any of the marketing Acts for such delegation, the Court naturally held such was impossible and, of course, there could not be in any of the Provincial acts authority to delegate to bodies outside of the Province.

This latter point has led to some demand that there should be a Dominion Act under which a Dominion board may be set up, in which case the Province would have to enact complementary Acts similar to the present Bill 82. That is, they would give authority to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to confer upon Dominion boards like powers with regard to local sales that those boards possessed with regard to interprovincial and export sales.

Not Necessary to Joint Action

While this type of legislation may be desirable, I frankly do not think it is necessary to secure the same before there can be joint action on the part of Provincial boards. Every Provincial board can by securing like powers from the Dominion if it wishes to exercise it, set up an exclusive agency to do its marketing and in this way, the Provincial board has complete control of how the product is marketed, whether at home or abroad.

There would not appear to be any reason why the same marketing agency could not be used by the various Provincial boards, and in that way secure all the benefits of centralized control. It is true that such procedure would involve considerably more work, but it might involve no



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CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS
(Continued from Page 9)

A factor in the situation was the decision of the general meeting to elect a full-time President in view of the passing of the late General Secretary. The Directors announced that W. L. Melvin for some years our Research Secretary at Ottawa, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Macdonald.

Ralph Staples of Toronto was the only nominee for President at the election of officers on Thursday afternoon. His unanimous election was followed by that of Wilfred Macleod of Saskatchewan as Vice-President.

The following Directors were nominated by their respective delegations and confirmed by election as the board for 1953-1954: T. J. Robertson, British Columbia; Norman F. Priestley, Alberta; W. Macleod, Saskatchewan; J. J. Siemens, Manitoba; A. H. K. Musgrave, Ontario; Geo. Stephenson, New Brunswick; L. O'Connor, P. E. Island; Alec Macisaac, Nova Scotia; C. C. Janes, Newfoundland.

Both in the open session on Thursday and in the Board Meeting on the following day hearty thanks was tendered the retiring officers, President

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 18th
Hogs sold yesterday \$26.50, sows \$15.25, good lambs \$20 to \$20.50. Good to choice heavy butcher steers were \$18.50 to \$19.50, light \$19.75 to \$21. Good light cows sold \$13 to \$14; down to \$11 for common; cannies and cutters \$8 to \$10.15; good stockers and feeder steers \$17.50 to \$19, common to medium \$15 to \$17. Good to choice veal calves \$25 to \$28, down to \$19 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Mar. 16
— Reduced receipts and a reduced demand marked last week's cattle market. Closing quotations for choice fed calves were \$18 to \$19; choice light steers \$18.50 to \$19, down to \$16.25 for medium; choice heifers \$17.50 to \$18.50, down to \$16 for common; good light cows \$11.50 to \$12.50, down to \$9 for common; cannies and cutters \$7 to \$9. Hogs sold steady to firm throughout the week; Grade A, for coast shipment sold mostly at \$26.

mand for wheat is the increased use of this cereal in Asia. The production of rice, which is the staple food in southeastern Asia, has not recovered to prewar levels, largely as a result of communist activities in Burma and Malaya and people of that area have been forced to use more wheat. Last year non-European countries imported more wheat than those of Europe. In past years Europe has always taken by far the largest portion of wheat moving in international trade.

On February 1st stocks of wheat over and above domestic requirements in the four major exporting countries — Canada, United States, Australia and Argentina — was placed at 1,480 million bushels. This supply which is available for export and carryover is 54 per cent greater than the 959.4 mil-

A. W. Friesen and Vice-President J. T. Macdonald.

Tribute to Officers Fine Work

It is generally agreed that the term of office of these two outstanding co-operators and particularly the present Congress had been productive of great good to the co-operatives throughout Canada. Mention was made of the fine work done by the National Office under Mr. Melvin since the passing last year of A. B. MacDonald.

Confidence was expressed that the team work of the new President, Mr. Staples and the new General Secretary, Mr. Melvin, would improve the financial position and that the Co-operative Union in all the nine Provinces and at the national level would be strengthened.

Local arrangements for this most successful Congress were supervised and efficiently carried through by a committee of directors of the Alberta Co-operative Union, Messrs. J. R. Love, C. C. Gant, W. J. Harper and R. H. Huggett under Mr. Love's chairmanship.

It is impossible to cover adequately in this brief story the conferences of secretaries, accountants, auditors and fishermen, the meetings of the Committee on Co-operative Credit and the National Board. It was a busy week.

Important, of course, was the report of the budget committee, which had received from the Executive an outline of proposed expenditures totaling \$38,655.00 for 1953. It was decided to refer the budget to the Board of Directors.

Some very important features of the Congress the writer will deal with briefly in the next issue of *The Western Farm Leader*.

Gross Value \$2,121 Millions

OTTAWA, Ont. — Gross value of Canada's principal field crops last year is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at \$2,121 millions.

Egg and Poultry Market

A two-cent increase has brought egg prices, to producers, locally, to: A Large 38, medium 36, small 32; B's are 32 and C's 24. Dressed chicken are: 2-3 lbs., A 42, B 36 and C 20; under 4 lbs., 39 down to 17. Dressed fowl are: under 4 lbs., 25 down to 12; 4-5 lbs., 30 down to 16; over 5 lbs., 32 down to 18.

The Dairy Market

There has been a two-cent drop across the board, bringing special cream, locally, to producers, to 62 cents; No. 1 is 60, No. 2 is 51 and off-grade 45. Prints, wholesale, are 62.

lion bushels held at the same time last year.

Canada's Exports

Exports of wheat from Canada in the 6 months period ending January 31 totalled 190.7 million bushels as against 155.1 million in the same period a year ago. Hopes had been expressed that this year's total might reach record proportions, but the terminal strike on the West Coast has already cut export by 10 million bushels. Terminal elevator facilities are the limiting factor in the movement of grain out of Canada this year.

While Canadian exports have been going ahead at a good rate, those from the United States have declined considerably from last year. Among the reasons for this decrease is the fact that Canada has a large supply of excellent quality wheat available this year. The U.S. has been cutting foreign aid, and it has also been charging more for its exports than Canada. The latter has been necessary due to the government's support program in force in that country.

Australia's Guaranteed Price

Australia, in the sterling block, seems to be having no difficulty of disposing of its wheat surplus, but so far Argentina has made only limited shipments abroad. The Government there has been guaranteeing farmers about \$2.70 a bushel for their wheat, this being well above the world's export price. Unless the Argentine government is prepared to accept some loss it would appear that most of Argentina's exports this year will have to be on a barter basis as, in view of large world supplies, few countries would be willing to pay this price.

Three To Receive Degrees

In recognition of distinction achieved in various fields three Albertans will receive the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the spring convocation of the University of Alberta; Alexander Calhoun, who was the first librarian of the Calgary Public Library; Hon. C. J. Ford, also of Calgary, a member of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta; and R. W. Hedley, Edmonton, educationist and former Director of the Edmonton Museum of Art.

Seek Two-price Food Policy for Dominion

OTTAWA, Ont. — Adoption of a two-price policy — making domestic prices independent of lower price levels for food exported — was urged upon the Federal Cabinet Monday by the Interprovincial Farm Union Council, headed by President J. L. Phelps of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union. It was proposed that domestic prices be based upon the prices the farmer pays for goods and services, while surpluses exported would be handled on a different basis — barter if necessary. The adoption of this policy, the delegation set forth, would mean all-out food production for the hungry people of the world.

In a lengthy brief, the delegation asked for the adoption of policies sought at the Annual Conventions of the Farmers' Unions, with some important additions.

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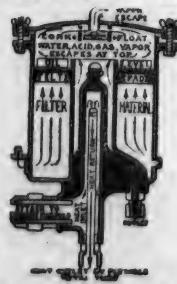
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REVIEWS PAST YEAR, EXAMINES FUTURE POULTRY OUTLOOK

Year Was Unsatisfactory for Producer, President of A.P.P. Points Out

CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES

Lower Egg Production Early in 1953 Could Mean High Prices in the Fall

EDMONTON, Alta. — In the report presented to the Annual Meeting of Alberta Poultry Producers here in behalf of the Board of Directors by President K. V. Kapler of Strome, the past year's experience from the producer's standpoint was very clearly outlined, and the possibilities of the present year were considered.

Producers Have Unsatisfactory Year

"Our members will no doubt recall the year 1952 as an unsatisfactory year from the producers' point of view," stated the directors' report.

"... due to the optimism which existed in the produce trade as a result of the 1950 storage-egg operations, eggs stored during 1951 were purchased at prices much higher than price support levels. These high prices resulted in considerable consumer resistance during the fall of 1951, and eventually most of the 1951 storage eggs had to be sold at a considerable loss to the owners. As a result of this experience, produce dealers were reluctant to purchase eggs at higher than price support levels during 1952.

Storage Stocks Show Big Increase

"The higher prices paid for eggs during 1951 encouraged producers to increase their flocks, with the results that more eggs were produced in 1952. During 1952, 400,000 cases of eggs were stored under the price-support program as compared with 192,000 during 1951. This increase in storage stocks no doubt was a factor in keeping egg prices at lower levels during the fall of 1952.

"With the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Saskatchewan and the subsequent embargo on shipments of meats into the United States and British Columbia, poultry meat values dropped considerably. Normally Alberta supplies British Columbia with considerable poultry meats each year, but the foot-and-mouth disease prevented inter-provincial shipments and the Alberta stocks had to be disposed of at lower prices in Alberta, as there is a limit to the length of time poultry can be stored.

"The higher prices paid for turkeys during the fall of 1951 resulted in increased production during 1952. The increase in Canada was estimated at 25 per cent over 1951, whereas the increase in Alberta was estimated at 60 per cent. As a result of this

To Ban Substitutes

EDMONTON, Mar 17th—Dairy substitutes, other than margarine, will be banned in Alberta, Hon. David Ure told the National Dairy Council, in annual convention here. The ban will be on an experimental basis, with the matter coming up for review in a year or two; it will affect ice cream, evaporated milk, processed cheese, table cream and bottled milk, such as are being made in the U.S. from vegetable oils.

OTTAWA LETTER

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
OTTAWA, March 18th — The recent visit of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt. Hon. R. A. Butler, and the talks he had here with our Finance Minister, Hon. Douglas Abbott, may have a notable bearing on trade between this country and the United Kingdom. This is of course of direct interest to the farmer, because restoring the export of agricultural products is a long term, important objective.

When the hopes will be realized is uncertain. The path ahead is unquestionably heavy going, but the signs are increasingly favorable for an easing ultimately of the restrictions on trade.

It is not a two-way deal between Canada and the United Kingdom that is sought. It is something much wider and more basic. It is liberalizing trade all round in the matter of quotas and tariffs among the free nations. It has to be founded on sound internal economic policies in Great Britain and the sterling area, which has at least one-half of the trade of the world.

Britain Trade Balanced

Britain has balanced its trade. Instead of a heavy deficit, there is now a small favorable balance of trade, and the cash reserves are now about \$2,000 million. There are, however, still the restrictions on imports from dollar countries, including of course Canada, and these cannot be swept away until there is the opportunity of selling British goods on an adequate scale in dollar markets.

In addition to political matters this has been a major point of discussion in talks of Mr. Butler and Mr. Eden at Washington. The talks have been simply laying the foundation for further discussions. They were the first talks of a series that will take place. The Conference of Common-

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FARM WOMEN'S NEWS

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on the library meeting, and it was decided to take a home study course. A successful square dance club has been organized, reports Mrs. Felix Battle.

In aid of the building fund, Sunnibend F.W.U.A. recently co-operated with the men's Local in a very successful Pancake Supper. A recent resolution asked greater publicity for prices actually paid to farmers for their products.

Barrhead F.W.U.A. arranged to serve hot dogs and coffee at the local seed fair, writes Mrs. E. Devonshire, secretary. At the same meeting a

large increase in production, turkeys sold at approximately 15 cents per pound lower than in 1951.

Show Healthy Poultry Position

The latest figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showed a healthy poultry stock position in Canada, as the following comparative statement indicates:

All Canada Stocks

Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1953

| | (lbs.) | (lbs.) |
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| Chicken | 13,484,000 | 6,047,000 |
| Fowl | 10,144,000 | 6,030,000 |
| Turkeys | 5,955,000 | 7,190,000 |

"The lighter stocks of chicken and fowl held as of January 1st are no doubt due to heavier consumption as a result of lower prices. According to the final hatchery report issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, there was a decrease in chick production in Canada in 1952 as compared with 1951 of 10.6 per cent. The Alberta production shows a decrease of 1.9 per cent. This would indicate a lower production of eggs in Canada during the early part of 1953, which could mean higher egg prices next fall."

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FARM HOME & GARDEN

Banana Oatmeal Cookies: Sift into a large bowl 1½ cups flour with 1 cup granulated sugar, ¼ tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. nutmeg, and ¾ tsp. cinnamon. Cut in ½ cup shortening until well blended. Add 1 egg, unbeaten, 1 cup mashed banana, 1½ cups rolled oats, and ½ cup chopped walnuts. Beat until blended. Drop by teaspoonfuls, 1½ inches apart, onto ungreased pan. Bake until done, about 15 minutes. (Thanks to Mrs. M. M.)

resolution was passed asking for abolition of the means test in connection with pensions for the blind.

Lobster Party Salad: Soak ½ tbsp. gelatin in ¼ cup cold water 5 minutes, then place over boiling water to dissolve. Flake 2 cups canned lobster (salmon, tuna or crab may be substituted), and sprinkle with 1 tbsp. lemon juice. Add 1 cup each diced celery and pineapple, ½ cup diced unpeeled apple, ¼ cup chopped olives, and 1 tsp. salt. Mix well. Fold in 1 cup mayonnaise and the dissolved gelatin. Pour in mold and chill. Garnish with green. Serves eight.

Bread Pudding: can be made into a Spiced Pudding, by adding spices to taste, and raisins; Cherry Pudding, by adding stoned and chopped cherries; Coffee Bread Pudding, by substituting strong coffee for part of the milk.

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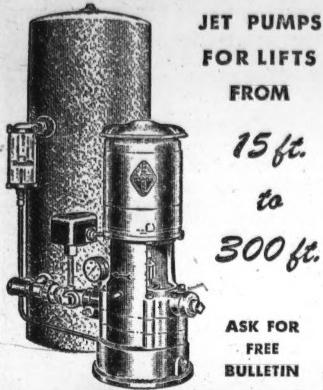
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By SYDNEY MAY

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A guy in Texas is seeking a separation from his wife because, he says, apart from having a gift for the piano, she was nothing but a chatterbox who grabbed and squandered every nickel she could get her hands on. Moreover, she nagged him ceaselessly on his off days and boasted over much of her musical attainments. Apparently, besides her gift as a musician, she had other gifts — the gift of the gab, the gift of the grab, the gift of the nag and the gift of the brag.

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Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, thinks her latest pickup must be a baseball player; he's so good in a squeeze play.

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"Fire on Train; Passengers Leave" — headline in the London Evening News. But wouldn't "Passengers Alight" have been more applicable?

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The LAZY HAWK
Did you ever lie down by a stack of hay,
To rest from the heat of a summer's day,
And, turning your gaze to the azure sky,
You saw circling round; so fearfully high.

A LAZY HAWK?

I have—and my very heart was stirred
By the graceful feet of that wondrous bird —
So lazily soaring, so free from care
Just "taking a stroll" right up in the air.
And then, there came to my ears

Mr. May, whose illness we announced with regret in our last issue, left the Calgary General Hospital a couple of weeks ago, and our readers will join with us in the wish that he may be speedily restored to good health. His contribution to our last issue had been prepared with much difficulty, and this week's Mustard and Cress is greatly curtailed.

Readers will be sorry to learn that Volodimir Barabash, who is well known to them as a contributor to Sydney May's column, is in the General Hospital. He suffered a broken pelvis in a bicycle accident. He is making good progress, but must spend some months in hospital.—Editor.

a distant drone,
And louder it grew to a deafening tone;
And then into view came the thing that I heard,
While its engine roared — 'twas a man-made bird.
But the hawk kept circling; he wasn't afraid
Of the noisy machine that the humans made.
And I watched them both, an inspiring sight,
God's bird and man's in contrasting flight.
And when at last from my sight they flew,
I was convinced that this must be true:
Though they both could fly, this fact remains,
That birds fly better than aeroplanes;
And the human flyer, though he may boast,
Must at least admit that he envies most

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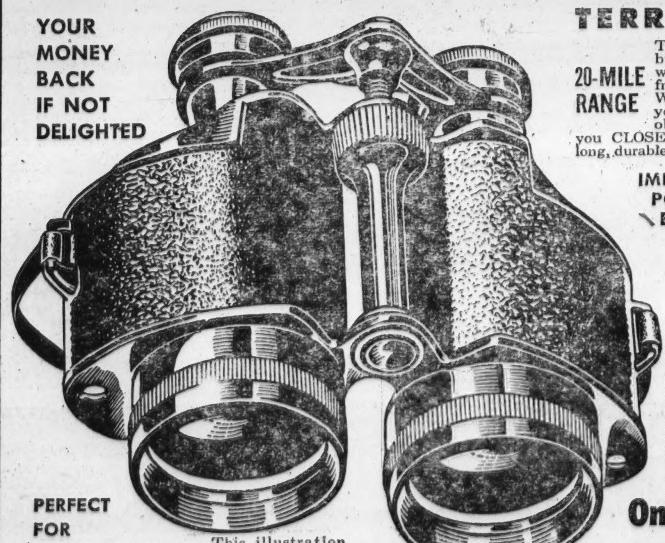
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OTTAWA LETTER
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wealth Prime Ministers in December brought agreement on what was necessary.

Want Chance to Sell

The British want a chance of selling their goods, mainly equipment and machinery of various kinds, products of metal, so that they will be able to pay for their imports. Mr. Butler feels there has been an advance, a genuine one, but solution of the question cannot be brought about in a hurry.

The American authorities promise to make a thorough study of the question, with the objective of aiding in the important task of making sterling convertible. Mr. Butler said here: "I feel sure that the new U.S. administration and the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Mr. Humphrey, are entirely with us in our determination to get trade expanding and flowing more freely".

When the point of getting greater sales of farm produce to Britain is discussed, it is of course to be borne in mind that Britain is Canada's major customer for Western wheat. In relation to wheat there is apparently no agreement as yet reached on the new International Wheat Agreement. Negotiations are still going on, without any decision on prices.

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Quotes Western Farm Leader

In the course of the debate in the House of Commons on the budget of Finance Minister Abbott, which has continued for several days, but seems now to be winding up, considerable attention was given by some speakers to statements made at the Convention of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at Victoria on the position of the farmer in the Canadian economy. A member from Alberta quoted several paragraphs of an article in The Western Farm Leader, on the Convention, in which Mr. Hanham stated that farmers are now receiving a smaller proportion of the national income than in 1946, and Mr. Gardiner told the Convention that the Government could get Canadian farm products into the U.K. tomorrow if we are willing to meet the price of Argentine beef at 16 cents a pound and bacon from Denmark at 31.5 cents.

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selves, you would have felt a sense of security. When we have men of the calibre and ability of those who represent our Western Pools, we can feel proud.

On Thursday, delegates concluded the open meeting, and dispersed to all parts of Canada.

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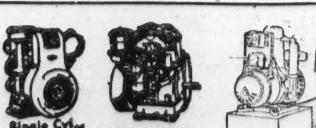
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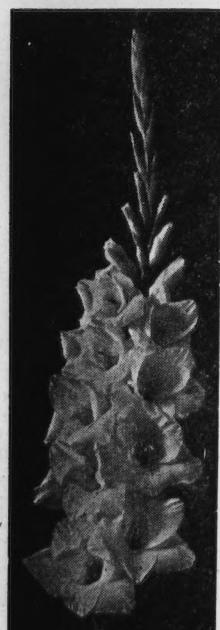
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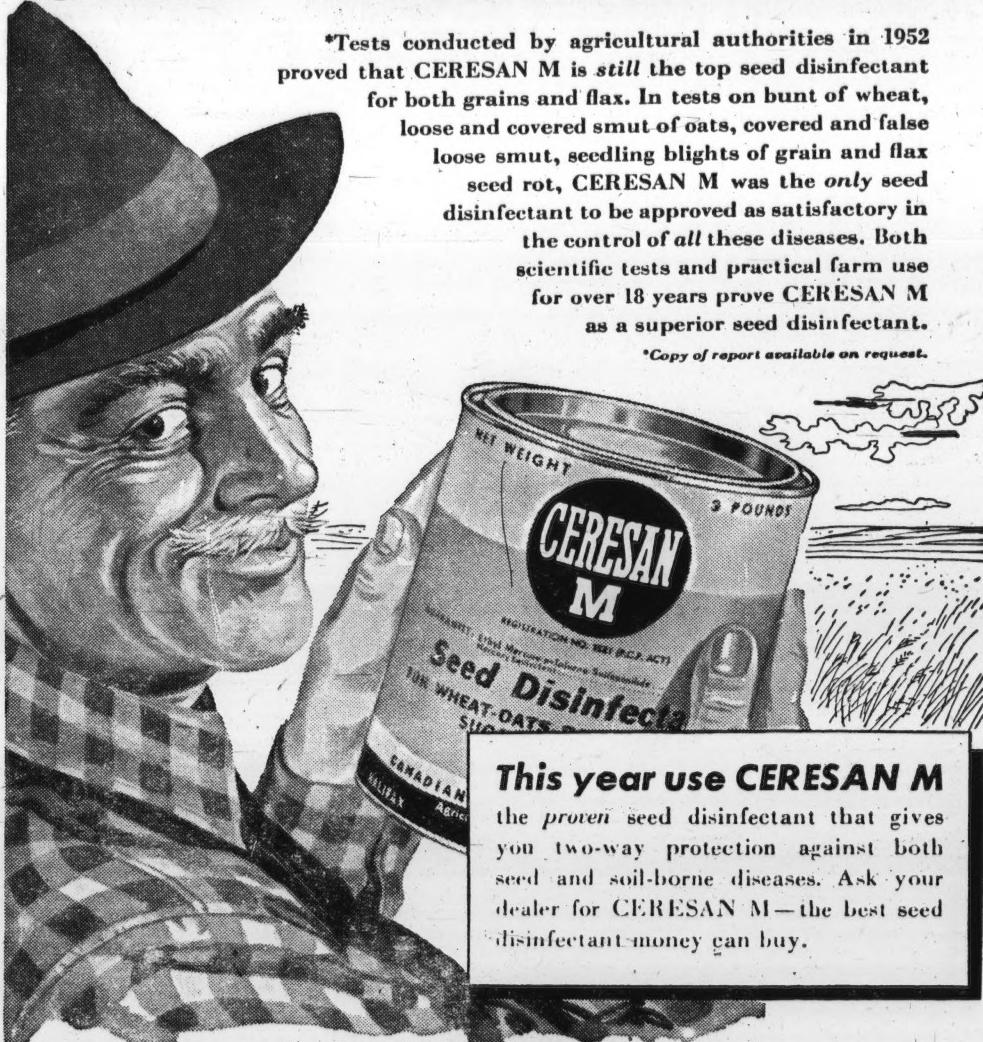


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